

# INFORMER

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*Celebrating Family Since 1932*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



### Hello Wilson Family!

A new year has begun, and plans are under way for the upcoming 85th Annual Wilson Family Reunion. We have many fun filled activities in store for you. You don't want to miss it! I look forward to seeing you in 6 months.

Please continue to visit the family website for updates and information regarding the reunion activities.

**Happy New Year from your President!!**

**Bryan Wilson**

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*For Updates and Information Visit  
[www.thewilsonfamilyreunion.com](http://www.thewilsonfamilyreunion.com)*

## FAMILY REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bryan Wilson .....President  
Dawn Mills ..... Treasurer  
Jeanese Ray..... Secretary  
Sandra Hancock ..... Decorations Chair  
Pamela Williams ..... Chief Historian/Genealogy Chair  
Rachel Downey Mills..... Food Chair  
Jackie Morgan  
Debra Taylor  
Carl Webb

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Terrence Bowden.....Assistant Treasurer  
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Yolanda Speed.....Membership Chair  
Joshua Epps ..... Social Activities & Social Media Chair  
Wendy Christian  
Joy Morton

# 85th Wilson Family Reunion

## July 7 – 9, 2017

### THEME: “Harvesting Our Past and Cultivating Our Future”

Early Registration pricings are available thru February 1, 2017

Remember ~ It costs more to pay at the door!!



Online Registration Available at:  
[www.thewilsonfamilyreunion.com](http://www.thewilsonfamilyreunion.com)



#### Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> – 4:00-8:00PM – “Come Back for the Throwback Celebration”

- Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Rev. Freddie Wilson
- Fish & Brunswick Stew (provided by reunion) & Our Classic Lemonade
- Veggies & Desserts: Potluck
- Unleash the Greeks, Games, Karaoke, “Name That Tune”



#### Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:00-11:00PM – Wilson’s Royal Gala — “All White Masquerade”

- Featuring Liquid Pleasure Band
- Honoring our past Presidents
- Catered Dinner & Dancing
- Historical tour hosted by our Chief Historian

#### Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 12:00-5:00PM – Our Networking Traditional Fellowship Dinner “Celebrating Our Legacy”

- Catered Dinner & Worship
- Family Heirloom Displays
- Showcasing Family Business Owners



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# 85th WILSON FAMILY REUNION

EARLY REGISTRATION FEE (Friday & Sunday events)	
AGES (13 and Up)	\$40
AGES (5-12)	\$25
AGES (4 and Under)	FREE
Single Day (Age 13 & Up)	\$30
3-Day (Age 12 & Under)	\$50
3-Day (Age 13 & Up)	\$80
<b>DEADLINE: February 1, 2017</b>	

REGULAR REGISTRATION FEE (Friday & Sunday events)	
AGES (13 and Up)	\$45
AGES (5-12)	\$25
AGES (4 and Under)	FREE
Single Day (Age 13 & Up)	\$30
<b>AT-THE-DOOR</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>After February 1, 2017</b>	

WILSON'S GALA FEE (Optional Saturday Event)	
AGES (13 and Up)	\$50
AGES (5-12)	\$30
AGES (4 and Under)	FREE
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<b>After February 1, 2017</b>	

CONTACT INFORMATION			
NAME:			<input type="checkbox"/> GUEST
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
PHONE:		EMAIL:	
DESCENDANT OF: <input type="checkbox"/> Annie <input type="checkbox"/> William <input type="checkbox"/> Carrie <input type="checkbox"/> Freddie <input type="checkbox"/> Ernest <input type="checkbox"/> Henry <input type="checkbox"/> Mattie <input type="checkbox"/> Walter			

REGISTRATION INFORMATION								
NAME	Registration (Friday & Sunday)			Wilson's Royal Gala (Saturday)			Amount	
	Age 4 & Under	Ages 5-12	Ages 13 & Up	Age 4 & Under	Ages 5-12	Ages 13 & Up		
	See Registration Table(s)			FREE	\$30	\$50		
Example: Jane Wilson Doe			\$40			\$50	\$90	
1.							\$	
2.							\$	
3.							\$	
4.							\$	
5.							\$	
<b>Total Registration Fees</b>							\$	
'DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED' <input type="checkbox"/> Reunion _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship _____							<b>Donation Total</b>	\$
<b>Grand Total</b>							\$	

SELECT PAYMENT OPTION
<input type="checkbox"/> I have enclosed a check/money order for PAYMENT IN FULL. <b>(MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: WILSON FAMILY REUNION)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> I have enclosed my deposit and agree to the installment plan completed below. I understand that <b><u>ALL UNPAID REGISTRATION FEES WILL DEFAULT TO REGULAR REGISTRATION FEES AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 2017.</u></b>

INSTALLMENT SCHEDULE AGREEMENT			
PAYMENT	AMOUNT	EARLY REGISTRATION DUE DATES	REGULAR REGISTRATION DUE DATES
Deposit	\$	December 2, 2016	February 24, 2017
2nd Payment	\$	January 6, 2017	March 17, 2017
Final Payment	\$	February 1, 2017	May 5, 2017

**\*\*RETURN PAYMENT TO: Dawn Mills, 256 N. Honey Springs Ave., Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526 \*\***

Please review all payment options. Any questions or concerns, please contact Dawn Mills, Treasurer at: reunion1932@gmail.com or 919-274-0902.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS!**

1. What is the deadline for Early Registration Fees? *The deadline for early registration is February 1, 2017.*
2. I have a large family. Can I make monthly payments of my registration fees? *You have the option to pay in full or to make 3 payments until paid in full. Keep in mind that if you wish to take advantage of the Early Registration pricings, the final payment must be mailed by February 1, 2017. If the final payment is not received, all unpaid fees will default to Regular Registration pricings.*
3. I'm only coming on Sunday, how much will I have to pay? *This question comes up often. This year we are offering a single day rate of \$30. However, this rate does not apply to the Wilson's Gala Fee.*
4. Why does the registration fees continue to increase? *On average, our reunion expenses increase annually by 10%. See Financial Report published in the September 2016 newsletter. Additional copies can be requested from our Treasurer, Dawn Mills at: reunion1932@gmail.com or 919-274-0902.*
5. Why is there an increase if I pay at the reunion? *Last year there was a substantial increase of family members paying at the reunion. Reunion debts have to be paid prior to reunion weekend. We encourage all of the family to prepay their registration fees.*
6. I'm only coming on Friday, how much will I have to pay? *This year we are offering a single day rate of \$30. This rate does not apply to the Wilson's Gala Fee.*
7. Can I come to the reunion and fellowship without paying registration fees? *No. It is only fair that all attendees pay applicable fees. Registration fee covers more than your meals. Reunion expenses includes equipment rentals, facility rentals, catering services, newsletters, postage, website, programs, etc.*

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# 85th Wilson Family Reunion Sponsorship

## 2017 SPONSORSHIP

- 250 –300 anticipated family members and guests
- 3 Memorable Days of Networking, Connecting and Bonding
- Reunion marketed through family website, newsletters, e-blitz, and social media

**Calling all Entrepreneurs, Business Owners, Pastors, and Churches!**



**\$1,000**

**\$400**

**\$200**

**\$100**

**PLEASE GO TO [WWW.THEWILSONFAMILYREUNION.COM](http://WWW.THEWILSONFAMILYREUNION.COM) FOR DETAILS**

**Deadline for submission is March 1, 2017**

**Dawn Mills, Treasurer  
256 N. Honey Springs Ave.  
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526  
[Reunion1932@gmail.com](mailto:Reunion1932@gmail.com)**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND PAYMENTS PLEASE CONTACT:**

### \$1000.00 Diamond Sponsor

- VIP Table at the Annual Wilson's Gala (Reserved seating for 6 attendees)
- Opportunity to place one (1) promotional item at each place setting at the Gala (SUPPLIED BY THE SPONSOR)
- Full Page Advertisement in the Reunion Souvenir Program Booklet
- Banner Ad and Link placement on family website
- \$100 Donation to the Wilson's Scholarship Fund
- Recognition on all printed reunion media: newsletters, flyers, etc.
- Verbal acknowledgement at the reunion events
- Promotional space for Reunion's networking event on Sunday

### \$400.00 Platnum Sponsor

- 2(qty) VIP Tickets for the Annual Wilson's Gala
- Half Page Advertisement in the Reunion Souvenir Program Booklet
- Logo and Link placement on family website (with brief description and contact info)
- \$40 Donation to the Wilson's Scholarship Fund
- Recognition on all printed reunion media: newsletters, flyers, etc.
- Verbal acknowledgement at the reunion events
- Promotional space for Reunion's networking event on Sunday

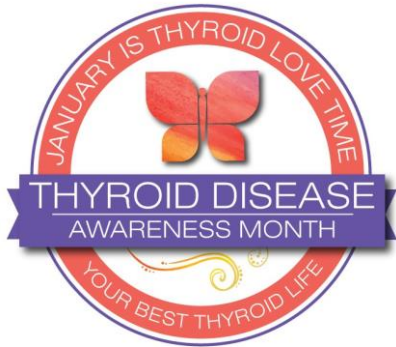
### \$200.00 Gold Sponsor

- Quarter Page Advertisement in the Reunion Souvenir Program Booklet
- Logo placement on family website
- \$20 Donation to the Wilson's Scholarship Fund
- Recognition on all printed reunion media: newsletters, flyers, etc.
- Verbal acknowledgement at the reunion events
- Promotional space for Reunion's networking event on Sunday

### \$100.00 Silver Sponsor

- Business Card Advertisement in the Reunion Souvenir Program Booklet
- Logo placement on family website
- \$10 Donation to the Wilson's Scholarship Fund
- Recognition on all printed reunion media: newsletters, flyers, etc.
- Verbal acknowledgement at the reunion events
- Promotional space for Reunion's networking event on Sunday

# HEALTH TIP: THYROID AWARENESS



## How common is thyroid disease?

Thyroid disease is more common than diabetes or heart disease. Thyroid disease is a fact of life for as many as 30 million Americans – and more than half of those people remain undiagnosed. Women are five times more likely than men to suffer from hypothyroidism (when the gland is not producing enough thyroid hormone). Aging is just one risk factor for hypothyroidism.

## How important is my thyroid in my overall well-being?

The thyroid gland produces thyroid hormone, which controls virtually every cell, tissue and organ in the body. If your thyroid is not functioning properly, it can produce too much thyroid hormone, which causes the body's systems to speed up (hyperthyroidism); or it can create too little thyroid hormone, which causes the body's systems to slow down (hypothyroidism).

Untreated thyroid disease may lead to elevated cholesterol levels and subsequent heart disease, as well as infertility and osteoporosis. Research also shows that there is a strong genetic link between thyroid disease and other autoimmune diseases, including types of diabetes, arthritis and anemia.

Simply put, if your thyroid gland isn't working properly, neither are you.

## How do you know if you have a thyroid problem?

First, you must understand how to recognize the symptoms and risk factors of thyroid disease. Since many symptoms may be hidden or mimic other diseases and conditions, the best way to know for sure is to ask your doctor for a TSH (thyroid-stimulating hormone) test, a simple blood test to verify your thyroid gland's condition. Also, take a minute and perform a self -neck Check. And because thyroid disease often runs in families, examinations of your family members and a review of their medical histories may reveal other individuals with thyroid problems.

What are some of the reasons to consider a thyroid evaluation?

**Family history:** A familiar place to look for thyroid disorder signs and symptoms is your family tree. If you have a first-degree relative (a parent, sibling or child) with thyroid disease, you would benefit from thyroid evaluation. Women are much more likely to be thyroid patients than men; however, the gene pool runs through both.

**Prescription medications:** If you are taking Lithium or Amiodarone, you should consider a thyroid evaluation.

**Radiation therapy to the head or neck:** If you have had any of the following radiation therapies, you should consider a thyroid evaluation: radiation therapy for tonsils, radiation therapy for an enlarged thymus, or radiation therapy for acne.

**Chernobyl:** If you lived near Chernobyl at the time of the 1986 nuclear accident, you should consider a thyroid evaluation.

**For more information contact:**  
**Thyroid Awareness c/o AACE**  
**245 Riverside Avenue, Suite 200**  
**Jacksonville, FL 32202**  
[info@thyroidawareness.com](mailto:info@thyroidawareness.com)

# WILSON FAMILY PORTRAIT

## JACQUELINE MORGAN



Jacqueline Morgan is fondly known to family and friends as "Jackie". She is an advocate for business success. As a business leader she strongly believes in tapping into the power of your potential.

Jacqueline holds a B.S. in Computer Information Systems from High Point University and a Masters of Business Administration from University of Phoenix as well as countless hours of personal development and other training.

As President and Senior Web Designer of J Morgan Designs and Consulting, she spends her time as a web developer and business consultant. She works to help your business to drive down the road to success.

Jackie is well known among faculty and staff at the Forsyth Tech Small Business Center, where she

instructs and hosts web design and social media seminars. She offered an entrepreneurship introduction program to youth entitled "Developing Youth Entrepreneurs" which is held in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Jackie is in the forefront with the American Business Women's Association Forsyth Chapter and was chosen the 2015 Woman of the Year and as the president for the 2015-2016 and the 2016-2017 award year. She recently worked hard with the Forsyth Chapter to achieve Best Practices in League Management Level III. Jackie was chosen as the Logistics Co-Lead for the 2016 National Women's Leadership Conference. Jackie will also be embarking upon a mentorship program to grow her exposure and leadership in the ABWA organization in the near future.

Jackie is a wife, mother, grandmother, community advocate, teacher, professional, published author, motivational speaker and more importantly a woman of God.



*A different family member will be highlighted in each newsletter. Please email us, if you know of a family member who you would like to see included*

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Embassy Suites is conveniently located near major shopping, three miles from RDU airport and just 40 minutes from Oxford. A block of rooms have been reserved for **July 7, 2017 - July 9, 2017**. **The special room rate will be available until June 16th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.**

The Wilson family group rates are:

**King Suite: \$124**

**Queen Double Suite: \$144**



Please contact Embassy Suites to reserve your suite and give them the Group Information:

GROUP NAME: **Wilson Family Reunion 2017**

GROUP CODE: **WRE**

CHECK-IN: **July 7, 2017**

**RESERVATION CUT-OFF DATE: June 16, 2017**

Reservations can also be made online at the Wilson Reunion Group Link:  
<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/R/RDUACES-WRE-20170707/index.jhtml>

*Embassy Suites by Hilton*

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